



GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MINUTES

VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 20, 2015

1:00 PM

Suite 210, Arizona Homeland Security Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women's Victim Services Committee was convened on October 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Arizona Homeland Security Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Committee.

Members Present

Kevin Tredway (Chairperson)
Yvonne Taylor for Allie Bones
Laura Guild
Kathy McLaughlin
Toni Means
Elizabeth Ortiz
Patricia Klahr

Kathy McLaughlin
Elizabeth Ortiz
Diane Umphress

Members Absent

Sara Presler

Staff Present and Guest Present

Myriah Mhoon (GOYFF)
John Reader (GOYFF)
Anar Patel

Sohil Sheth
Shannon Rich

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The members of the Committee provided a brief introduction.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 25, 2015

Chair Treadway asked the Committee members if there were any corrections to the August 25, 2015 meeting minutes; there were no correction. Committee member Elizabeth Ortiz motioned to adopt

the minutes of August 25, 2015 as drafted. Committee member Kathy McLaughlin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**4. DISCUSSION: AG'S VICTIMS' RIGHTS GROUP-
CHECK BOX FOR DCSINVOLVEMENT**

Mrs. Flores presented the new Amended Rule 41, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Forms 4(a) and 4 (b) to the Committee. The new changes to the form will include a check box to inform the courts if the offense involved a child victim, and if yes was the Department of Child Services notified.

The members of the Committee reviewed the new Amended Rule 41, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Forms 4(a) and 4 (b). Mrs. Ortiz suggested training be offered about the form to statewide law enforcement, prosecutors and Judges. Mrs. Umphress recommended that the training be part of a mandated reporting training. Mrs. McLaughlin reminded the committee members that the state didn't have a unified lesson plan/curriculum for mandated reporting.

5. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTOCOL WITH DCS

Mrs. Klahr, Executive Director of Chrysalis shared her input on an incidence September 1 & 2, 2015 between DCS and a victim of domestic violence in shelter. The situation escalated and has prompted the discussion of a domestic violence protocol implemented statewide. The committee also agreed that it would be a good idea to invite DCS to one of our meetings to present on their status for removing a child from parental guardianship. Mrs. Klahr stated that in all cases involving children we could do a better job in working together. Guest Shannon Rich from ACESDV recommended updating policy and procedures through a workgroup. She also announced that come January 2016 ACESDV will offer 40hr training on domestic violence to DCS.

6. COMMITTEE NEXT STEPS

The members of the Committee discussed the following objectives:

- Purposing training on the new Amended Rule 41, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Forms 4(a) and 4 (b) to AZ POST.
- Invite DCS to next meeting to present.
- Develop workgroup to identify and access the need for a Domestic Violence Protocol for Department of Child Safety workers to follow in cases where both domestic violence and child abuse are present.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.